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ACTUARIAL SCIENCE CLUB

The UWI Actuarial Science Club

Presidential Report

2024/2025

Zara-Leigh Lewis

President 2024/2025

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INTRODUCTION

The UWI Actuarial Science Club has been in operation since 2015. Every year our goals are to provide student actuaries with resources, form lasting connections and facilitate contact with working professionals. Although this academic year had a challenging start for all clubs at the University, the Actuarial Science Club was able to meet these goals and execute all events planned. This report outlines the club's 2024/2025 activities, including: club membership, events undertaken during the academic year and an overview of its financial status.

The FST Fresh Start was the first event the 2024/2025 Executive Team attended for the academic year.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

President – Zara-Leigh Lewis
Vice President – Sashi Dookeran
Secretary – Taliah Lamorell
Treasurer – Tressa Constantine
Public Relations Officer – Christopher Ripla
Project Manager – Darrius Kurjah
Year 2 Representative – Kerisse Titre
Year 1 Representative – Alessandra Hector

Order of Appearance (left to right): Kerisse Titre, Taliah Lamorell, Zara-Leigh Lewis, Mr. Kyle Rudden, Mr. Ronald Poon Affat, Mr. Stokely Smart, Sashi Dookeran, Tressa Constantine, Christopher Ripla, Darrius Kurjah

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REGISTERED CLUB MEMBERS

For the 2024/2025 Academic Year, the UWI Actuarial Science Club had 107 registered members.

Name	Date Registered
Aaron Kareem Mohammed	8/19/2024
Abiodun Providence	8/19/2024
Aidan Hassanali	9/12/2024
Aidan Skerritt	8/25/2024
Aleisha King	8/20/2024
Alessandra Hector	10/11/2024
Alex ramjit	9/12/2024
Aleya Celine Ali	8/24/2024
Amilyah A Ali	8/20/2024
Amy Parawan	10/2/2024
Anaya Boodram	9/2/2024
Angilina persaud	11/3/2024
Annissa Amelia Cambridge	8/25/2024
Arianna Ramnarine	8/20/2024
Asha Baptiste	10/11/2024
Ashleigh Charles	1/23/2025
Avery Austin	3/20/2025
Brandon Eversley	8/19/2024
Bridget Rose Gopaul	9/12/2024
Cashany Forde	9/14/2024
Chelsea Tom Pack	9/5/2024
Chelyn Balgobin	10/11/2024
Chevonne Jack	8/21/2024

Christopher Lawrence	10/11/2024
Christopher Ripla	8/19/2024
Christopher Shane Mangaroo	8/25/2024
Ciara Lutchmedial	8/27/2024
Dana Huggins	8/21/2024
Daniel Antonio Scott	8/19/2024
Daria Hypolite	9/12/2024
Darrius Kurjah	8/20/2024
Dasha Cummings	8/20/2024
David Scanterbury	8/20/2024
Deanara Alleyne-Mack	9/12/2024
Deyna Baboolal	8/20/2024
Dimitri Deosaran	9/27/2024
Dylan Sampson	10/11/2024
Dylon Singh	10/21/2024
Emilee Samuel	8/19/2024
Emily DimSoy	8/19/2024
Enarie Narine	8/21/2024
Enrique Amoroso	10/11/2024
FARHAAN ALI	10/15/2024
Fariba Bhaggan	1/20/2025
Hanaa Mohammed	8/29/2024
Israel Elijah Smith	10/26/2024
Jabari King	9/6/2024
Jadon Felix	8/21/2024
Jaedan Christmas	8/19/2024
Jarion Jashion Joseph	9/4/2024
Jay-Ann John	8/27/2024

Jaymeel Walcott-Smart	8/21/2024
Jeremy Weis	1/29/2025
Joanna Kennedy	10/11/2024
Joel Steve Daniel	8/21/2024
Joshua Ragbir	8/20/2024
Justin Sieusahai	8/19/2024
Jyasi Murray	9/5/2024
Karina Ramsaroop	8/19/2024
Keilah-Marie Daniel	8/23/2024
Kerfara King	10/11/2024
Kerisse Titre	8/19/2024
Keshma Rampersad	9/12/2024
Kevin Brandon Araih	9/5/2024
Leah Madoo	10/19/2024
Lenniah Remy-Alfred	10/12/2024
Leon La Barrie	9/12/2024
Luke Jude Govinda Ramkissoon	9/5/2024
Makeda Mark	9/11/2024
Marianna Mungroo	8/26/2024
Mark Mohammed	6/5/2025
Mathena Mathura	9/16/2024
Matthew Rampersad	8/31/2024
Morana Beharry	9/17/2024
Nayyah Ali	10/19/2024
Nerell Dookwah	8/28/2024
Nicole Ramsingh	10/11/2024
Nie-l Constance	10/14/2024
Nirav Ramdhanie	8/20/2024

Nuri Abid	8/19/2024
Raveeta Marajh	8/20/2024
Rayal Grant	9/12/2024
Reece Mohammed	8/19/2024
Reevan Ghany	8/20/2024
Riad Haniff	8/19/2024
Rondell Ramsundar	9/5/2024
Sadia Ram	8/19/2024
Saleisha Baksh	10/11/2024
Sanaa Alek De Bique	8/19/2024
Sanjay Bispath	11/5/2024
Sanjay Ramoutar	1/23/2025
Sarah Rodriguez	8/20/2024
Sashenka Stephen	9/12/2024
Sashi Anushka Dookeran	8/19/2024
Seline Ramesar	9/9/2024
Shanecia Graham	8/25/2024
Sumayyah Sidat	9/8/2024
Taliah Lamorell	8/19/2024
Taruna Lakeram	8/19/2024
Thuraia Thomas	8/27/2024
Tressa Constantine	8/19/2024
Tristan Doodnath	10/22/2024
Triston Charles	9/5/2024
Vani Dial	8/19/2024
Varsha Britney Singh	10/3/2024
Vivek Partap	9/12/2024
Zara-Leigh Lewis	8/20/2024

SEMESTER 1 EVENTS

Pension Mathematics Seminar with Professor Colin Ramsay

From the 24th to the 27th of June 2024, students of the UWI Actuarial Science Club (UWIASC) were invited to take part in a free workshop on Pension Mathematics led by Professor Colin Ramsey of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This event took place in the Centre for Language Learning (CLL) and was live streamed for students that could not attend in person. Students that attended every session were awarded a certificate upon the completion of this workshop.

Executive members of the UWIASC pose with Professor Colin Ramsay at the end of day 1 of the Pension Mathematics Seminar

FST Fresh Start

On the 27th of August 2024, the Executive Members of the UWIASC attended the FST Fresh Start, which aims to connect new students directly to clubs in the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST). At this event most of our new members registered for the 2024/2025 academic year. The Actuarial Science Club also answered inquiries from parents and students about our program and other relevant University matters.

The Executive Members of the UWIASC prepare to meet the incoming cohort of students at the FST Fresh Start

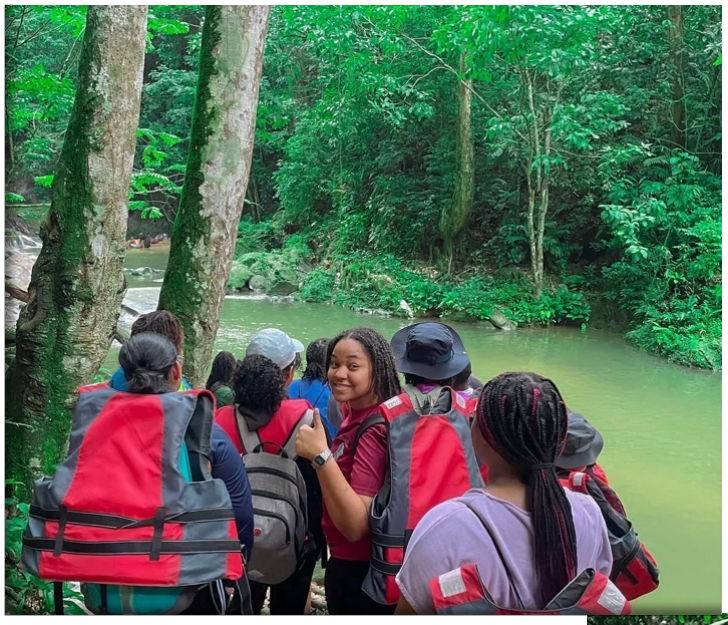
What to Expect

The "What to Expect" event is one in which students from the academic year prior share advice about approaching their courses for the current semester. These students are told strategies to prepare for their exams and helpful resources are provided to them. On the 12th of September 2024 the club hosted its first "What to Expect" for the 2024/2025 academic year, following the long-standing tradition.

Kerisse Titre presenting to the members of the UWIASC at the first What to Expect event for the academic year

Hike to Aripo Basin

On the 5th of October 2024 the UWIASC journeyed to the Aripo Basin and hiked down to its pool. This was the first recreational event for the academic year, and the aim of this event was to facilitate peer bonding outside of the classroom, and to provide students with an invigorating activity to release stress. Many students stated that this event was an unforgettable experience.



The UWIASC arrives to the pool at the end of the hike to Aripo Basin

Coaching Actuaries and Exchange Program Presentation

On the 24th of October 2024 the Actuarial Science club held a general meeting in which two important topics were discussed.

Coaching Actuaries (CA) is a study tool many Actuarial Science students use when preparing for their external exams with the Society of Actuaries. University clubs all around the globe can qualify for discounts on their study materials once an ambassador is selected. Christopher Ripla was the CA Ambassador for Semester 1. His duties included presenting material about the services CA provides and sharing posts on our social media platforms. Additionally, one free subscription is awarded to a student at random, as a part of the benefits the UWI Actuarial Science Club receives. Our recipient of this free subscription was Sherene Ramnath.

After the CA presentation and giveaway, the executive members advertised the Exchange Program available to all UWI Students. Additionally, information and resources were provided about the University of Toronto (UofT), which is one of the leading universities in Canada for a bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science. The aim of this presentation was to encourage students to apply and potentially experience a semester abroad.

Christopher Ripla presents Sherene Ramnath with her free Coaching Actuaries subscription

Webinar with Paul Sweeting

On the 31st of October 2024 the UWIASC collaborated with the Actuarial Science clubs from the UWI Mona, the University of Technology (UTECH), Jamaica and the Caribbean Actuarial Association (CAA) to host a webinar with Paul Sweeting, the past President of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA). The IFoA is the most popular examining body for Actuarial Science in the United Kingdom. This presentation focused on navigating the technology revolution within this field; students from all UWI campuses were invited to this webinar.

Presenting
PAUL
SWEETING
Pivoting the Actuarial Profession in a Technology Revolution:
EMBRACING CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE
October 31, 2024
3:00 PM EST
Zoom
Online Platform
Audience
Engaging All Caribbean Actuaries and Colleagues
CAA Members, Caribbean Regulators, Financial Institutions, University Faculty, Environmental Organizations and More!
ABOUT THE PRESENTER
Paul Sweeting is the President Elect of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA), with an extensive background in risk management, pensions, and investment strategy.
A renowned actuary, he has authored several books on financial risk and serves as a professor of actuarial science at the University of Kent.
Special Presenter:
Paul Sweeting
Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA)
President Elect
Register TODAY!
INVITING YOU TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO:
uwiactuarialsociety@gmail.com

Flyer for the Webinar with special guest Paul Sweeting, hosted in collaboration with the UWI Mona campus and UTECH, Jamaica

Special Lecture with Ronald Poon Affat

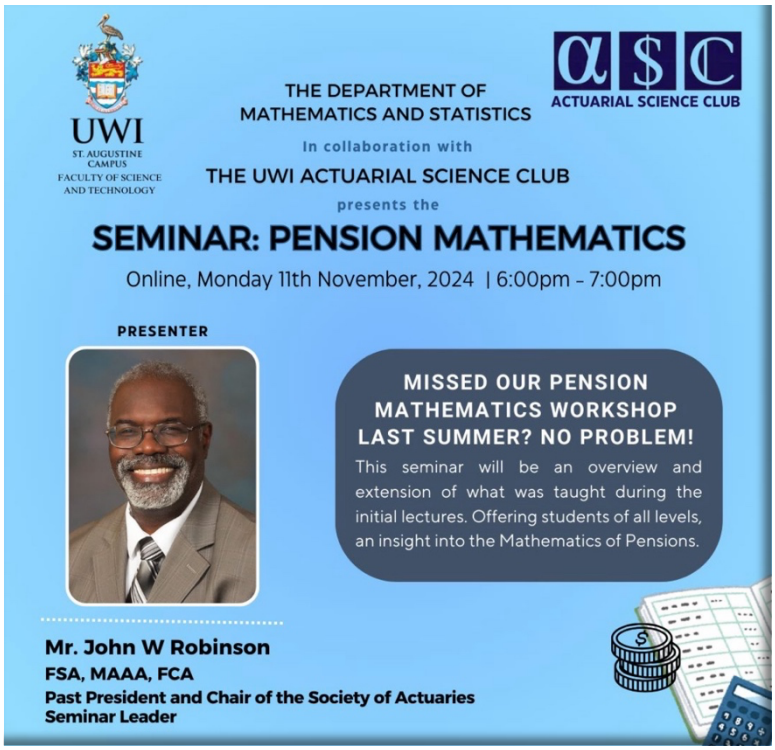
On the 7th of October 2024 Mr. Ronald Poon Affat gave a lecture on topics including: completing the SOA Exams, the Actuarial Science profession, and ensuring longevity by avoiding burnout. Mr. Kyle Rudden, Trinidad and Tobago's SOA Ambassador, also attended this lecture and shared his insights with us. After his lecture refreshments provided by the UWIASC's club advisor were shared with all attendees.

Mr. Affat shows Tressa Constantine (UWIASC Treasurer) how to solve the Megaminx puzzle

Mr. Rudden presents Jordan Ramai with the Broverman Award for Mathematics of Finance I

Pension Mathematics Seminar with John Robinson

On the 11th of November 2024, past President-Elect of the SOA, Mr. John Robinson, hosted a virtual follow-up session to the Pension Mathematics Seminar held at the beginning of the semester. Mr. Robinson also discussed report writing for actuaries and answered any questions our students asked. An invitation to join this event was extended to the UWI Mona campus and UTECH, Jamaica.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THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS
ACTUARIAL SCIENCE CLUB
In collaboration with
THE UWI ACTUARIAL SCIENCE CLUB
presents the
SEMINAR: PENSION MATHEMATICS
Online, Monday 11th November, 2024 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm
PRESENTER
MISSED OUR PENSION MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP LAST SUMMER? NO PROBLEM!
This seminar will be an overview and extension of what was taught during the initial lectures. Offering students of all levels, an insight into the Mathematics of Pensions.
Mr. John W Robinson
FSA, MAAA, FCA
Past President and Chair of the Society of Actuaries
Seminar Leader

Flyer for the Pension Mathematics Seminar led by Mr. John Robinson

SEMESTER 2 EVENTS

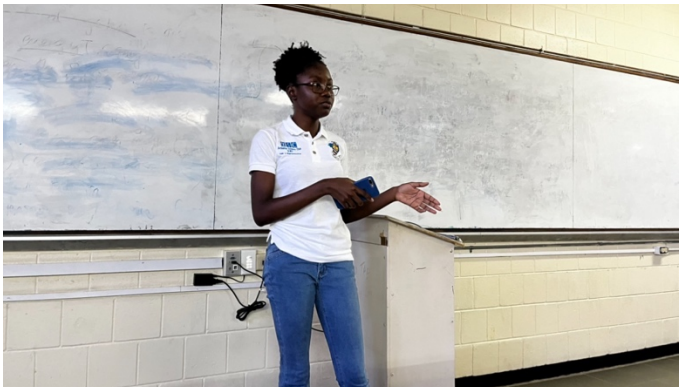
Club Fest

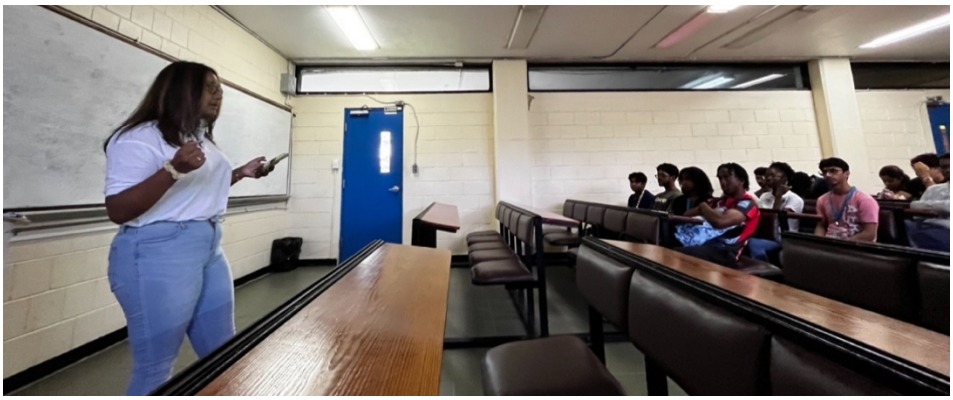
Starting off Semester 2 strongly, the UWI Actuarial Science Club took part in the Guild's 2025 Club Fest, held in lieu of the annual Guild Fest. This event, held on the 22nd of January 2025, was filled with many activities for the entire campus to enjoy. Many students stopped by the UWIASC's tent to play the games on display and to get information about Actuarial Science program. This event showcased the University's culture and diversity, and many students were grateful the Guild of Students planned and executed this event. Videos recorded at this event were shared with students at the University of Toronto.

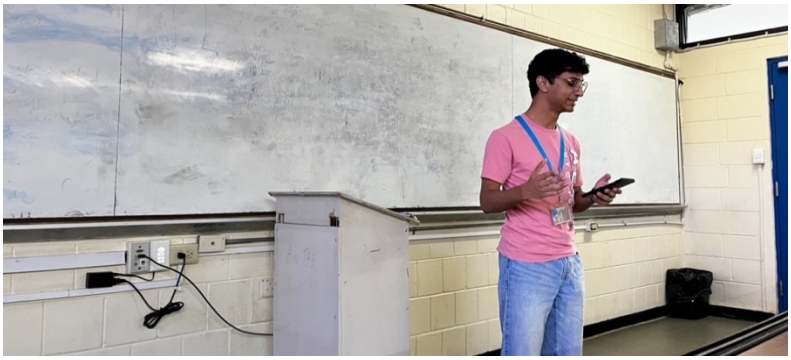
The UWIASC attends the 2025 Guild Club Fest

What to Expect

On the 23rd of January 2025, the UWIASC hosted its second "What to Expect" event for the academic year. Students presented to club members on how to prepare for their second semester of courses.







Kerisse Titre, Emilee Samuel and Reece Mohammed present at the UWIASC's semester 2 What to Expect event

The UWI Math Fair 2025

The annual UWI Math Fair was held on the 5th of February 2025. All UWIASC executive members volunteered at the club's tent over the course of the day. Secondary school students were the main attendants of this event. Students were able to play games, win prizes and learn about the field Actuarial Science. Our booth also displayed an interactive poster for data on organizations at which graduates were employed. The Math Fair event is extremely important for sharing information about more niche fields of study with a young impressionable audience.

Students attempt to solve the Megaminx puzzle and the Rubik's Cube at the 2025 UWI Math Fair

Life After UWI with Mr. Navin Dookeran and Mr. Brendon Bhagwandeen

On the 13th of February 2025, Mr. Navin Dookeran was invited to share advice on navigating life after graduation with our students. He discussed avoiding stagnation by having a growth mindset. Mr. Winston Dookeran, past Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, was also in attendance at this event. After Mr. Dookeran's presentation, Mr. Brendon Bhagwandeen was invited to speak. Mr. Bhagwandeen is a new Actuarial Science lecturer at UWI, and he discussed his career path and tips for finding employment.

Mr. Navin Dookeran presents to members of the UWIASC

The UWIAC's President and Vice President pose with Mr. Navin Dookeran, and past Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Winston Dookeran

UWI Mona Presentation with Nikhil Asnani

On the 27th of February 2025, the President of the UWIASC was invited to introduce Mr. Nikhil Asnani, an established actuary of the CAA, before he began his special lecture at the UWI Mona campus. Club members of the UWIASC were also invited to join this virtual session.

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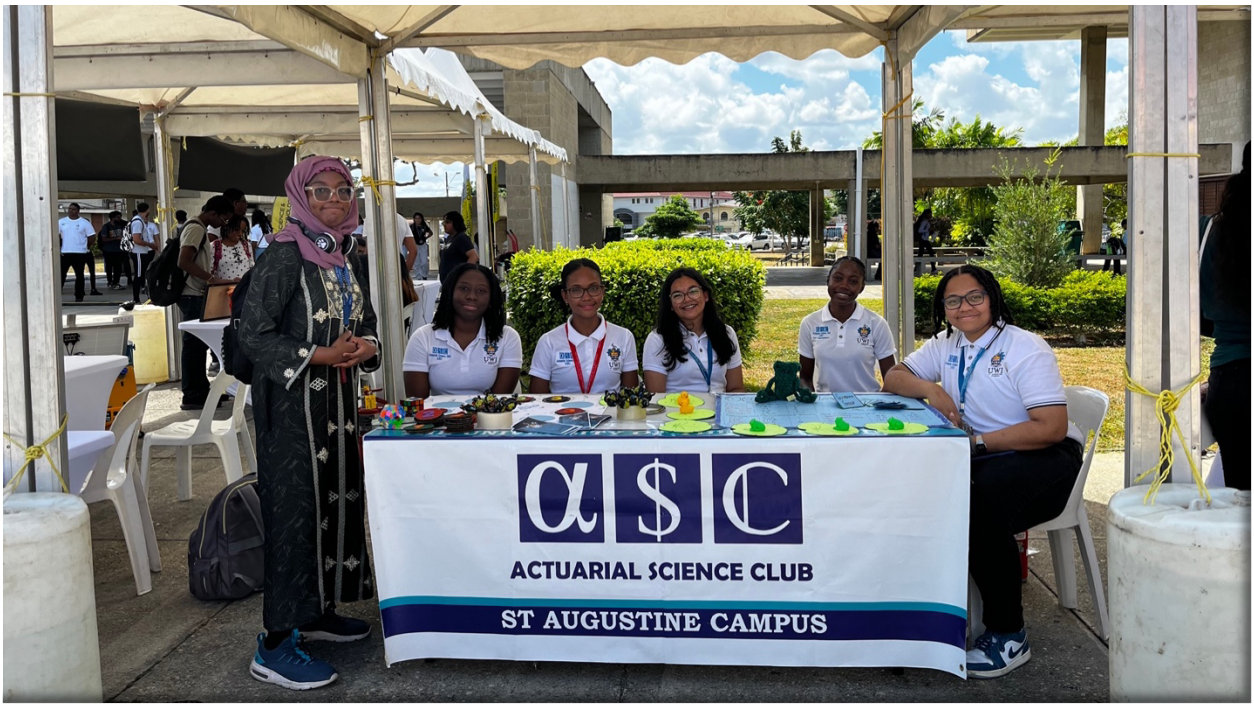
in collaboration with UWI Math Club and UWI Actuarial Science Club St. Augustine
PRESENTS
TALK WITH NIKHIL ASNANI
27th FEB
2:30 PM
SLT 2
NIKHIL ASNANI FSA, FCIA, CFA
SPEAKER
Nikhil Asnani is a Consulting Actuary at Valani Global, specializing in actuarial modeling, financial risk management, and insurance consulting. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (FCIA), as well as a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).
Nikhil holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Actuarial Science from the University of the West Indies and is passionate about advancing actuarial practices in the financial sector.
SEE YOU THERE!

Flyer for Webinar with special guest Mr. Nikhil Asnani

UWI Sci Fest 2025

On the 13th of March 2025, the UWI Actuarial Science Club volunteered at the annual UWI Sci Fest held by the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST). This event attracts students from all faculties on campus. Most students did not know anything about Actuarial Science therefore this event was an excellent opportunity to increase the awareness within the general student populus. Additionally, games and snacks were available to anyone that engaged with our booth.



The UWIASC attends the 2025 UWI Sci Fest

Seminar and Live Interview with Darryl Wagner and Kyle Rudden

On the 13th of March 2025 at the Centre for Language Learning, Mr. Darryl Wagner was interviewed by Mr. Kyle Rudden. This interview was live streamed on Zoom and YouTube with over 200 persons having seen the session. Students from the UofT, Morgan State University, the UWI Mona campus, UTECH, Jamaica and prospective students, were invited to this event. Mr. Rudden asked probing questions and Mr. Wagner shared insights from his extensive career. Additionally, students were able to ask questions using the audio systems provided by Mr. Smart and the CLL. After this fruitful session, students were invited to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics for refreshments provided by the UWIASC's club advisor, and to have a one-on-one conversation with Mr. Wagner.

Mr. Darryl Wagner and Kyle Rudden accept their tokens of appreciation after the session's conclusion

Recognition Ceremony for Mr. Resan Pakeerah

On the 19th of March 2025 a formal reception was hosted for Mr. Resan Pakeerah at the Main Salon in the Office of the Campus Principal. Mr. Pakeerah, a 2014 graduate of the Actuarial Science Program, achieved a milestone of becoming the first graduate to fulfil the requirements to become a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, which is the UK's only chartered professional body dedicated to educating actuaries based both in the UK and internationally.

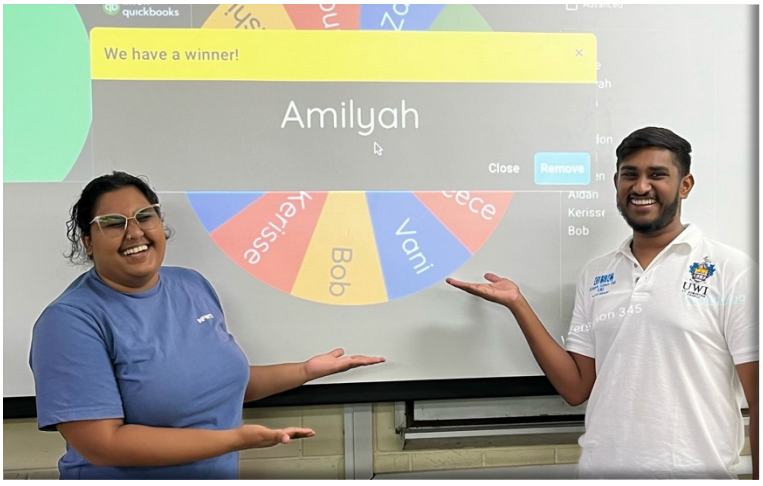
The UWI Actuarial Science Club invited its members to this event as it was an excellent opportunity to meet persons working in our field. Addresses were given by many persons including the President of the CAA, Ms. Judy Viera, the Deputy Dean of the FST, Dr. Terry Mohammed and the Director of the UWI Actuarial Science program, Mr. Stokely Smart. As the President of the Actuarial Science Club, I acted as the Master of Ceremonies for this event. The UWIASC presented Mr. Pakeerah with a token of our gratitude. Finally, during the reception food and drinks provided by the Guild of Students, were served to attendees.

Moments from the Recognition Ceremony for Mr. Resan Pakeerah

Coaching Actuaries Presentation

This event took place on the 20th of March 2025 in a similar fashion to its previous iteration. For semester 2, Darrius Kurjah was our club's Coaching Actuaries Ambassador and the student winning the free CA subscription was Amilyah Ali. These subscriptions contain all the study materials required for one exam, including notes and practice questions.

Members of the UWIASC attend a presentation for Coaching Actuaries, an Actuarial Science study tool



Darrius Kurjah presents Amilyah Ali with her free Coaching Actuaries subscription

Exchange Program Presentation to the University of Toronto

On the 21st of March 2025, the UWI Actuarial Science Club collaborated with the University of Toronto, to advertise the UWI's exchange program to their Actuarial Science students. This meeting was held virtually, and useful information and resources were collected and shared with the Canadian students. A promotional video for the University and club was made, highlighting our notable events to entice their students to apply.

Flyer for the Exchange Program information session presented to Actuarial Science students from the University of Toronto

Webinar with the SOA President-Elect, David Dillon

A webinar with Mr. David Dillon was held on the 27th of March 2025. Mr. Dillon is the current President-Elect of the Society of Actuaries (SOA). He shared information about the SOA with attendees and answered our club members' questions. Students from the UWI Mona, UTECH, Jamaica and the UofT were invited to join this session. Other guests in attendance included Mr. Kyle Rudden, Mr. Stokely Smart and Mr. Georgios Symeonidis.

Flyer for Webinar with special guest Mr. David Dillon

Open Day

To close off the academic year, on the 17th and 18th of March 2025, the UWI Actuarial Science Club attended the UWI's annual Open Day for prospective students.

Prospective students play games at the UWIASC's booth at the 2025 Open Day

FINANCIAL REPORT

The club inherited $3283.15 TTD from the 2023/2024 academic year and ended semester 2 of the 2024/2025 academic year with $3374.15 TTD.

The club received a donation of $240 TTD from Zara-Leigh Lewis for the provision of two outstanding orders of club polos from the previous academic year. The club also received donations from all UWIASC Executive Members to provide refreshments for general club meetings and to purchase tokens for specially invited guests. The UWIASC sold stickers earning a revenue of $91 TTD. The UWIASC did not earn profit from the Hike to Aripo Basin as the students were charged only for transportation and tour guide costs.

To provide refreshments for attendees of the “Special Lecture with Ronald Poon Affat” the UWIASC’s club advisor donated $7000.00 TTD.

The Guild has been instrumental in assisting the club with the ‘Recognition Ceremony for Resan Pakeerah’ event by approving $8096.00 TTD for the purchase of refreshments. The UWIASC extends its thanks to the campus Principal for graciously allowing us to utilize her Main Salon room for this ceremony, free of charge. A special thank you as well to the Guild Executive for facilitating the necessary approvals to receive funding for this event.

CONCLUSION

The UWI Actuarial Science Club hosted/ participated in more than nineteen events in the 2024/2025 academic year, making it an extremely busy one. The most rewarding events for the UWIASC were the interview with Darryl Wagner and the celebration of Mr. Resan Pakeerah. Without the assistance of the UWIASC's club advisor, the Guild of Students and the Principal's Office these major ceremonies would not have been possible. Planning these events alongside completing our final year courses, required dedication and discipline from all the executive members of this club. We approached our tenure with some uncertainty towards our new roles, but I am pleased to report that all our plans were executed successfully.